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Bosnia-Hercegovina

Grain and Feed

Crop Situation Update

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Report Highlights:

Heavy precipitation during the first half of April caused excessive flooding in central and northern Bosnia. Floods affected winter crops and some areas will be replanted. Spring planting will also be delayed. It's too early to assess damages because the Sava River is still threatening to overflow. However, preliminary estimates include wheat production at 250,000 MT; corn production at 800,000 MT; and barely production at 55,000 MT.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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Wheat

Winter wheat area was 93,000 ha. The crop wintered well, and with an average yield the total production should be around 250,000 MT. However, recently heavy rainfall affected most of the country, causing excessive flooding in central and northern Bosnia. At present, it's too early to estimate possible damages due to flooding because rivers are still overflowing.

Corn

Last year's high temperatures and lack of precipitation damaged cornfields in the early stage of growing. The situation is opposite this spring— cold weather and increased precipitation is delaying spring planting. Corn area is expected to be almost the same as last year, or only slightly smaller, around 225,000 ha. Some traditional corn growers announced switching to more profitable crops of soybeans and vegetables. Still, most farmers decided to keep planting corn because of its high price on the market. Demand for corn is increasing constantly because the livestock sector is still recovering, as well as the poultry sector, which is one of the fastest growing agricultural sectors in the country.

Barley

Winter barley was sown on around 15,000 ha. Spring barley area is still undetermined but traditionally around 10,000 ha.

Production Policy

In the Republika Srpska, one of the two entities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, seed wheat and seed corn are subsidized with 0,05KM/kg and 0,50 KM/kg. In the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, another entity, production support for this year is yet unknown.

(Note Currency Exchange: \$1.00 ~ 1.60 KM)

Trade

In MY 2004, wheat was mostly imported from Hungary, Croatia, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Uruguay and U.S. Demand for U.S. hard red winter wheat was high. Yet, high prices of wheat and ocean freight, combined with geographical distance, prevented direct imports from the U.S. Most local mills are small scale and unable to import and keep larger stocks. Larger purchases are only done by "Klas" Sarajevo, the largest mill and bakery in the country. Klas holds around 40% of total country stocks, and all others hold the rest. The market in BiH is price sensitive and local authorities control bread prices. Because of that, millers choose to buy cheaper, low protein wheat rather than maintaining the quality of products.

Corn is mostly imported from Hungary, Croatia and Serbia. Because of free trade agreements signed with BiH, Croatian and Serbian exporters pay zero import duties. For tariffs, please see BK3014 that may be downloaded from http://www.fas.usda.gov/scripts/attacherep/attache_lout.asp

Bosnia-Herzegovina Wheat							
(1000 HA)(1000 MT)							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		07/2002		07/2003		07/2004	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	110	110	72	72	0	93	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	160	169	107	116	107	111	(1000 MT)
Production	297	297	130	195	0	251	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	350	350	450	450	0	400	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	350	350	450	450	0	400	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	41	107	0	54	0	10	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	807	816	687	761	107	762	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	5	(1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	0	0	0	0	0	5	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	150	150	105	100	0	100	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	700	700	580	650	0	650	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	107	116	107	111	0	107	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	807	816	687	761	0	762	(1000 MT)

Bosnia-Herzegovina Corn (1000 HA)(1000 MT)							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		10/2002		10/2003		10/2004	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	228	0	230	227	0	225	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	64	0	151	0	26	94	(1000 MT)
Production	912	0	650	908	0	800	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	100	0	150	60	0	150	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Imports	100	0	150	60	0	150	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1076	0	951	968	26	1044	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	850	0	850	900	0	900	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	925	0	925	975	0	975	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	151	0	26	94	0	69	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1076	0	951	1069	0	1044	(1000 MT)

Bosnia-Herzegovina							
Barley (1000 HA)(1000 MT)							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		07/2002		07/2003		07/2004	MM/YYYY
Area Harvested	23	0	20	0	0	25	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	8	0	18	0	8	8	(1000 MT)
Production	55	0	45	0	0	55	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Imports	25	0	20	0	0	20	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Imports	20	0	25	0	0	20	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	88	0	83	0	8	83	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr. Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Oct-Sep Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Dom. Consumption	60	0	65	0	0	65	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	70	0	75	0	0	75	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	18	0	8	0	0	8	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	88	0	83	0	0	75	(1000 MT)